

## Welcome to Hardenclough Farm, Edale

Hardenclough Farm is a National Trust Hill Farm set on the side of Mam Tor in the Edale Valley at the point where the gritstone moors change to limestone valleys and dales. The farm ranges from 240 to over 500 metres above sea level and covers approximately 350 acres.

Hardenclough is farmed by the Metcalfe Family.

The farm has a commercial flock of 600 breeding Masham and Mule ewes and Suffolk and Texel rams and produces approximately 1000 lambs, lambing mainly in April.

There is also a small flock of pedigree Blue Faced Leicester Sheep and a herd of rare breed native Galloway cattle.

The farm is a haven for wildlife including some rare species such as twite. Lapwings and curlews nest of the farm, herons can be seen on the River Noe which flows though the farm and you may also catch a glimpse of a kingfisher. Badgers, rabbits, stoats and weasels live around the farm.

The farm fields are enclosed by a mixture of drystone walls, fences and hedges. In the hedgerows there are a variety of wildflowers and trees including dandelions, cow parsley and foxgloves and hawthorn.

### Activities available

- A chance to visit a hill farm throughout the year and experience activities such as lambing and shearing
- Learn about plants and animals in their local environment
- Learn about lifecycles, nutrition and evolution
- Take the opportunity to look at a different environment and climate throughout the seasons
- Use farm facts and figures for numeracy activities

